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dependent Claim 39 have been amended to more particularly point out patentable aspects of the invention.


Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 36-58 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,613 and claims 1-37 of U.S. Patent No. 5,812,123. Although the Examiner has confirmed that the conflicting claims are not identical, the Examiner has also alleged that the application claims are not patentably distinct from the patent claims. In view of this rejection, Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer based on the understanding that the claimed subject matter, as amended, is allowable over the prior art. The Patent Office is authorized to charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee in the amount of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 10-1215.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the art of record, and requests that the Examiner allow the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned at 404.949.2418.

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